Ecology Community Right-to-Know Unit activities for 2002

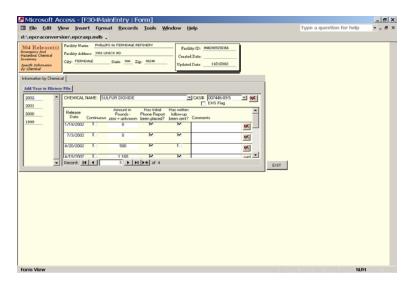
Highlights include:

- Republication of EPCRA: Guide for Businesses our "purple book"
- Redesign of Our Community Right-to-Know web site www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/epcra



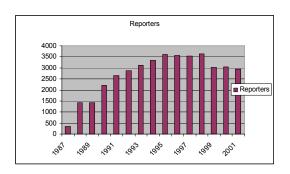


- EPCRA Tracking System upgraded to Access 2002/ Office XP
- Added module to track 304 notifications and business compliance history within EPCRA System



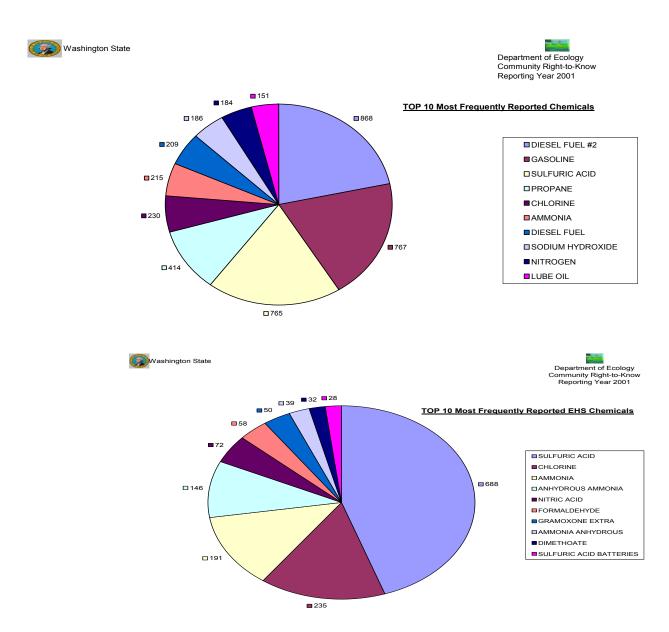
Upgraded version EPCRAMail that will allow reporters to submit data via email.





2001Tier Two Reporting (reports received during 2002)

- 2952 facilities reported 14,549 chemicals
- > 43 facilities were referred to EPA staff for potential enforcement actions
- Nearly 800 businesses reported using EPCRAMail, our electronic reporting application



Several EPCRA reporters have requested the ability to submit Tier Two reports via email. If the SERC wants to authorize this procedure, we would accept their email address as their legal signature. The

LEPCs and fire departments would continue to receive paper copies per their requirements. We have already developed a method for reporters to automatically submit from EPCRAMail.

I would like to call you're your attention to this excerpt from Governor Locke's January 10th "Working Capitol".

News Highlights

Success story: Washington leads nation in digital government

The Governor announced on <u>January 2</u> that Washington state has been named "the most digital state" in the country, based on a five-year national survey. The <u>Sustained</u> <u>Leadership Award</u>, presented by the Center for Digital Government and the Progress and Freedom Foundation, honors Washington <u>for making the most progress in serving its citizens through online programs and making government more accessible through technology</u>. This has been a longtime goal of Governor Locke's administration.

"For the last five years we have made a concerted effort to use technology to make government more efficient and user-friendly for our citizens," Locke said. " This

Governor's Priorities

✓ Education

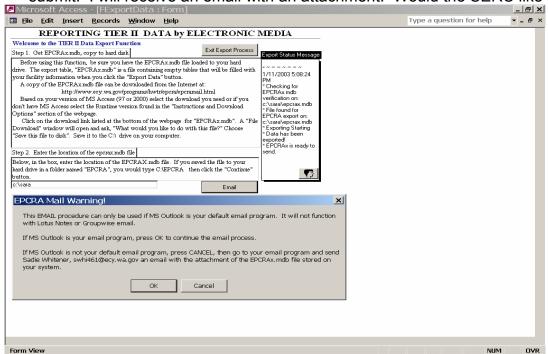
✓ Jobs Growth/Economic
Vitality

Efficient Government

award shows we're making good progress, and we are committed to finding new ways to use technology to better serve the people of Washington." The Sustained Leadership Award is a cumulative honor, based on rankings from the annual Digital State Award, which was created in 1997. During the past five years, Washington has won the overall national Digital State Award three times.

Washington's state government consistently scored highest among all states for transformation of its social services. This included technology-supported programs such as the Department of Social and Health Services' Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program, which speeds federal funding to families with special-needs children. Washington was also the first state to enable businesses to compute, file and pay taxes over the Internet, and the first to establish an Internet gateway to access a host of secure government services using digital certificates and signatures.

If the SERC approves email submittal. This is the screen users will send their data from when they submit. I will receive an email with an attachment. Would the SERC like authorize this procedure?



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The EPCRA Tracking System, EPCRAMail, and TRIDS (Toxics Release Inventory Display System) were developed by Cynthia DeGies of the Mercer Consortium.